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SUBJ: MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS

REF: (A) MANILA 8506, (B) MANILA 4934, (C) CINCPAC 24017Z
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1. IN VIEW OF MARCOS' INDICATION (REF A) THAT WE SHOULD
GO AHEAD WITH MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS, WE AGREE
WITH REF C THAT CINCPACREPPH REAR ADMIRAL HARDSITY,
ALONG WITH MGEN. POSTON, SHOULD CONTACT GEN. ESPINO
ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROCEEDING WITH THESE DISCUSSIONS.
WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS CONTACT COULD BE MADE UPON MGEN.
POSTON'S RETURN FROM HAWAII WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE
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MAY 29. ADMIRAL HARDISTY WOULD PLAN TO INDICATE THAT
WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO START DISCUSSIONS AT ANY EARLY DATE,
SUGGESTING THAT IF IT IS CONVENIENT WITH GENERAL ESPINO
WE CONSIDER HAVING THE INITIAL MEETING SOMETIME BEFORE THE
JUNE 10-12 PHILIPPINE HOLIDAY PERIOD. WE AGREE THAT
RADM. MCCLENDON AND CDR. DEBOBES NEED NOT REPEAT NOT
DEPART FOR PHILIPPINES UNTIL WE HAVE CLEARER IDEA OF WORK

SCHEDULE, ETC.

2. ISSUES. AS TO THE SUBJECTS FOR THE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY DISCUSSIONS, WE WOULD PLAN TO PROCEED ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN PARA 3B(1) OF REF B, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT MARCOS' EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAKING THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS THE DELIMITATION OF THE FACILITIES (PARA 5 OF REF A). WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE FOLLOWING AS THE PRIMARY SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. DELIMITATION OF FACILITIES. UNDER THIS HEADING WE WOULD INCLUDE SUBIC WATERS, GRANDE ISLAND, SUBIC WATERSHED, SUBIC TRAINING AREA, CROW VALLEY WEAPONS RANGE, SAN MIGUEL COMMUNICATIONS STATION, WALLACE AIR STATION, AND JOHN HAY RECREATIONAL FACILITY.

B. PHILIPPINE BASE COMMANDERS AND US FACILITIES COMMANDERS. THE DETERMINATION OF THE DUTIES, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RESPECTIVE COMMANDERS WOULD RELATE DIRECTLY TO THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE DELIMITATION OF FACILITIES AND SHOULD BE DISCUSSED AT SAME TIME.

C. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. THE QUESTION OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME UP IN DISCUSSION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RESPECTIVE COMMANDERS. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE OUR PROPOSAL ON MANPOWER AND FUNDING
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FOR THE PHILIPPINE SECURITY COMPONENT.

3. AGENDA. WE BELIEVE PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS IN THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE BEST IF WE PURSUE THESE SUBJECTS ONE BASE AT A TIME. THIS WOULD INSURE THAT OUR TEAM IS NOT FRAGMENTED AND THAT OUR EFFORT REMAINS CAREFULLY FOCUSED AND CONTROLLED. WE WOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCE:
(A) SUBIC, (B) CLARK, (C) SAN MIGUEL, (D) WALLACE,
(E) JOHN HAY.

4. WE WILL AWAIT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING AS OUTLINED ABOVE. TOUSSAINT

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